



Year 12 Mathematics Methods Test 4
Logarithmic functions and Calculus of Log functions

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Section 1: Calculator Free

38 marks

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minutes

✓ 1. [1, 1, 1, 2 marks]

Suppose that two variables x and y are related by $y = 6^x$.

- a) Use the *definition of a logarithm* to express x in terms of y .

$$\log_6 y = x \quad \checkmark$$

- b) Given that $\log_6 2 = q$, write the following in terms of q :

i) $\log_6 24 = \log_6 (6 \times 2^3)$
 $= \log_6 6 + 3 \log_6 2$
 $= 1 + 3q \quad \checkmark$

ii) $\log_6 0.5 = \log_6 2^{-1}$
 $= -\log_6 2$
 $= -q \quad \checkmark$

iii) $\log_6 3 = \log_6 \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)$
 $= \log_6 6 + \log_6 2^{-1} \quad \checkmark$
 $= 1 - q \quad \checkmark$

✓ 2. [2, 2, 2 marks]

Solve the following, giving your answers in exact form involving logarithms where necessary.

a) $3^{x-4} = 14$

$$(x-4) \ln 3 = \ln 14 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x-4 = \frac{\ln 14}{\ln 3}$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 14}{\ln 3} + 4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x \log 3 - 4 \log 3 = \log 14$$

$$x \log 3 = \log 14 + 4 \log 3$$

$$x = \frac{\log 14 + \log 81}{\log 3}$$

$$x = \frac{\log 1134}{\log 3} = \frac{\log 14 + 4 \log 3}{\log 3}$$

$$x = \log_3 14 + 4$$

b) $\log(x+4) - \log(x-5) = 1$

$$\log \frac{x+4}{x-5} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{x+4}{x-5} = 10$$

$$x+4 = 10x-50$$

$$9x-54=0$$

$$9x=54$$

$$x=6 \quad \checkmark$$

c) $11(3^x) = 5 + 3^{x+2}$

$$11(3^x) = 5 + 3^x \cdot 3^2 \quad \text{put } 3^x = y$$

$$11y = 5 + 9y \quad \checkmark$$

$$2y = 5$$

$$y = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$3^x = 2.5$$

$$x \log 3 = \log 5 - \log 2$$

$$x = \frac{\log 5 - \log 2}{\log 3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\log 2.5}{\log 3}$$

$$\text{or } \log_3 \left(\frac{5}{2} \right)$$

$$0.8234$$

✓ 4. [3, 2 marks]

Let $g(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}$, for $x > 0$.

(a) Use the quotient rule to show that $g'(x) = \frac{1-2\ln x}{x^3}$.

$$g(x) = \frac{u}{v} \quad u = \ln x \quad u' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$v = x^2 \quad v' = 2x$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{\frac{x^2}{x} - 2x \ln x}{(x^2)^2} = \frac{x(1-2\ln x)}{x^4} = \frac{1-2\ln x}{x^3}$$

(b) The graph of g has a maximum point at A. Find the x -coordinate of A.

$$g'(x) = 0$$

$$\text{at } 1 - 2\ln x = 0$$

$$2\ln x = 1$$

$$\ln x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = e^{1/2}$$

5. [2 marks]

Find the derivative with respect to x of $y = \ln(x^3 + x^2)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 2x}{x^3 + x^2}$$

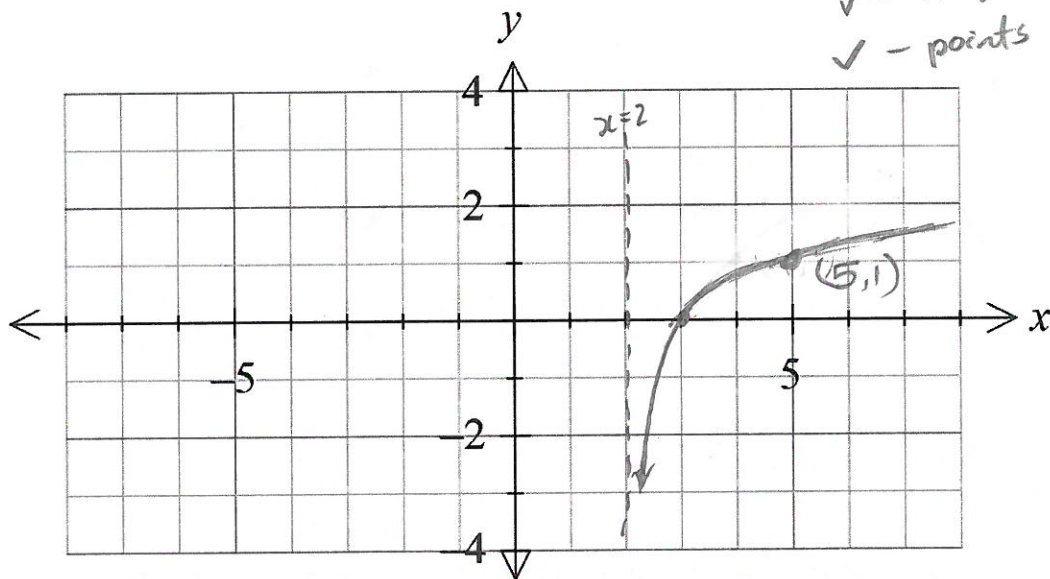
$$= \frac{x(3x+2)}{x(x^2+x)}$$

$$= \frac{3x+2}{x^2+x}$$

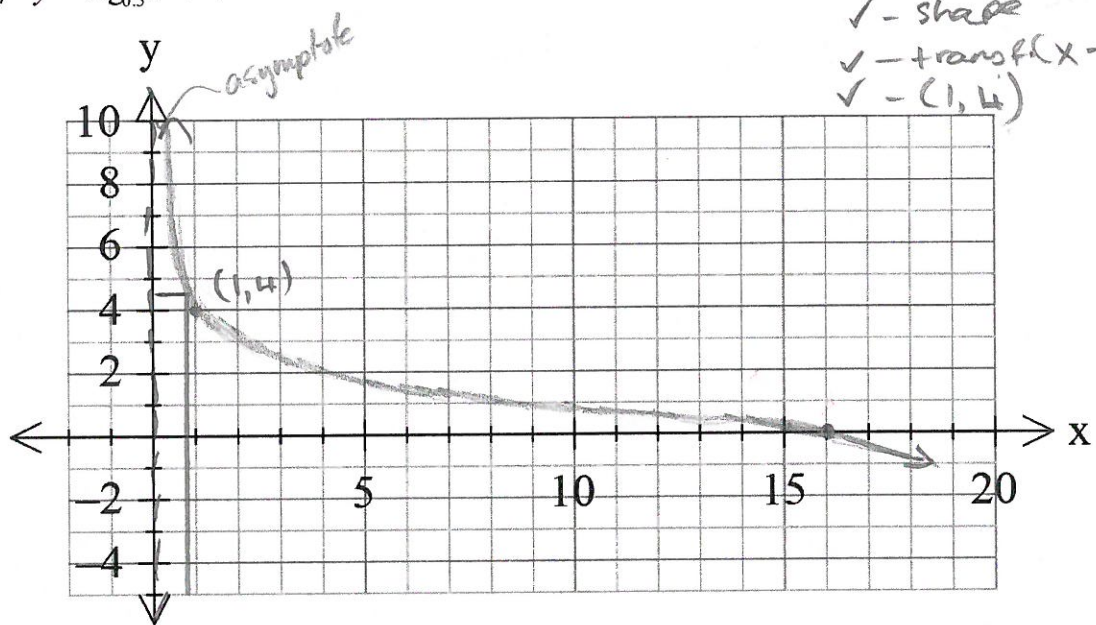
3. [3, 3, 2 marks]

On the sets of axes below, sketch the functions:

a) $y = \log_3(x - 2)$



b) $y = \log_{0.5}x + 4$



c) Use the graph to solve $\log_{0.5}x = 0.5$

$$\log_{0.5}x + 4 = 0.5 + 4$$

$$\log_{0.5}x + 4 = 4.5$$

$$x \approx 0.8 \text{ (actually } 0.707)$$

(according to graph)

Remind students to label significant points with coordinates.

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6. [2, 1, 2, 2 marks]

a) Given the function $g(x) = x \ln x - x + 1$, determine $g'(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x - 1 + 0 \quad \checkmark \\ &= 1 + \ln x - 1 \\ &= \ln x \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

b) Hence determine an expression for $\int \ln(x) dx$

$$\int \ln x dx = x \ln x - x + C \quad \checkmark$$

c) Evaluate $\int_1^2 \ln(x) dx$

$$\begin{aligned} & [x \ln x - x]_1^2 \\ &= (2 \ln 2 - 2) - (\ln 1 - 1) \quad \checkmark \\ &= 2 \ln 2 - \ln 1 - 1 \\ &= \ln 4 - 1 \quad (\text{or } 2 \ln 2 - 1) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

d) Evaluate $\int_1^2 \ln \sqrt{x} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 \ln x \\ &= \frac{\ln 4 - 1}{2} \quad \text{or } \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

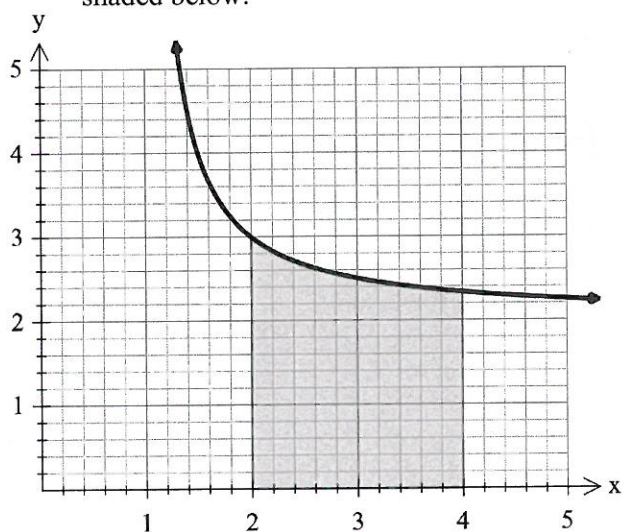
e) Expression for $\int_a^b \ln(x) dx$; $b > a > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [x \ln x - x]_a^b \\ &= (b \ln b - b) - (a \ln a - a) \quad \checkmark \\ &= \ln b^b - b - \ln a^a + a \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{b^b}{a^a} \right) - b + a \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

✓7. [2, 2 marks]

Consider the function $f(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{x-1}$, $x > 1$

The region enclosed by the graph of $f(x)$, the x-axis and the lines $x = 2$ and $x = 4$, is shaded below.



(a) Find $\int f(x) dx$.
$$\int 2 dx + \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx$$

$$= 2x + \ln(x-1) + C$$

(b) Find a simplified expression for the exact area of A.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[2x + \ln(x-1) \right]_2^4 \\ &= (8 + \ln 3) - (4 + \ln 1) \quad \checkmark \\ &= 4 + \ln 3 - \ln 1 \\ &= 4 + \ln 3 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$



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Section 2: Calculator & Notes Allowed

13 marks

15 minutes

✓ 8. [1, 1, 3 marks]

The faintest sound that can be heard by the human ear has intensity

$$I_0 = 10^{-16} \text{ watts per square centimetre.}$$

Noise levels, β , are measured in decibels and are related to intensity:

$$\beta = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_0} \text{ decibels}$$

Where I is the intensity of sound in watts per square centimetre.

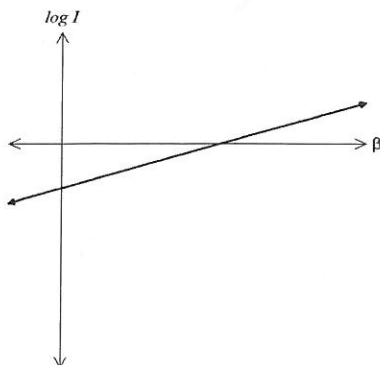
- a) The maximum intensity which a human ear can tolerate is 10^{-4} watts per square centimetre. Determine the corresponding value of β .

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{10^{-4}}{10^{-16}} \right) \\ &= 10 \log_{10} 10^{12} \\ &= 10 \times 12 \\ &= 120\end{aligned}$$

- b) Busy motor traffic has a noise level of 70 decibels. Determine the corresponding intensity.

$$\begin{aligned}70 &= 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{I}{10^{-16}} \right) \\ 10^7 &= 10^x \cdot 10^{16} \\ I &= 10^{-9}\end{aligned}$$

- c) The graph (without scales) of $\log I$ against β is sketched below; it is linear.



By expressing $\log I$ in terms of β , determine the gradient and the intercept on the vertical axis.

$$10(\log(I) - \log 10^{-16}) = \beta$$

$$\log I = \frac{\beta}{10} + \log 10^{-16}$$

$$\log I = \frac{\beta}{10} - 16 \quad \checkmark$$

$$m = \frac{1}{10} \quad y\text{-int} = -16 \quad \checkmark$$

✓ 9. [3, ²marks]

A particle P moves along a straight line. Its velocity, $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ at time t seconds, is given by

$$v = 10 \ln(t + 3) + 2 \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

(a) Find the initial velocity and acceleration

$$V = 10 \ln(3) + 2$$

$$V = 12.986 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$a = \frac{10}{t+3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{at } t=0 \quad a = \frac{10}{3} \text{ ms}^{-2} \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Find the acceleration of P when its velocity is 20 ms^{-1}

$$V = 20 \quad \text{at } t = 3.05 \text{ s} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{at } t = 3.05 \quad a = 1.65 \text{ ms}^{-2} \quad \checkmark$$

10. [3 marks]

~~Sketch~~ Draw the graph of $y = 2 \times 10^{2x}$, for $x \geq 0$; using semi-log grid.

✓ - from $x=0 \rightarrow x=1$
✓✓ - points $x \geq 1$

